

WATCH THE DATE!
On your label is a date;
Renew before it is too late.

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Drinking Fountain Is Now Assured

The Farmers' Horses Will Get Good
Healthy Water After It Is
Installed.

Mexico Chapter, D. A. R., held its regular meeting Monday in the club rooms of the Library with Mrs. Charles Clark, Mrs. G. W. Robertson, Misses Dorothy Holmes and Hattie Brown as hostesses. Much business was on hand to be transacted. The report of the treasurer showed that \$200 was on hands available to be expended for the drinking fountain which, it is planned, will be erected on the Court House Square.

The Chapter will push the installment of the fountain in the spring.

Ten delegates, together with the regent, Mrs. Winans, and her alternate, were elected to attend the national meeting.

\$1.00 was given by this chapter to aid in purchasing a chair for Continental Hall in honor of Mrs. Wm. Cummins Story, the retiring president-general of the National D.A.R.

A Washington's birthday celebration was enthusiastically voted. A patriotic dinner party to be held at the Ringe Hotel evening of the 22nd.

Three new members were voted in, Miss Maude Barbee of Hardin, Mrs. W. W. Botts and Marie Rose. Mrs. Evans of Centralia, Mrs. Tom Hook and Miss Thornberg, new members, were present for the first time.

MURDERED IN OKLAHOMA.

Report came to this city this week that T. R. Hewett, who is a brother of Mrs. Dr. E. A. Lofton of this city, was shot by an insane man Monday at Cobb City, Okla. Particulars of the shooting were not learned.

Mr. Hewett was a prominent live stock man. A wife and five children survive him.

THE WEATHER.

The sleet and ice of last week remains with us. Saturday night a 7-inch snow fell. Sunday morning Llewellyn's Government thermometer stood 4 above zero. It is still that kind of weather—ground hog weather.

J. F. Parker of the east end of the county called on the Message Tuesday. Mr. Parker is very much interested in national questions. He is not wholly agreed with Woodrow Wilson on his "preparedness" program.

The Wednesday Club had for its lesson, led by Mrs. Emmons, Hauptmann's "Sunken Bell". Mrs. Harrison gave a criticism of Hoffmann's "Sobolde", and Mrs. Gregory gave a resume of world's events. The Wednesday Club will be hostess to the Federated Club tomorrow, Friday, at 3 p. m. After business discussions a lengthy time is to be devoted to conversational and social recreation.

F. D. Parsons and family, south of Benton City are making arrangements to move to their late purchased farm near Winfield, Kansas. They are in the oil region, and we hope they may grow rich. Audrain regrets to part this good family.

Jesse Baskett, down northeast of Worcester, has rented his farm and will move to Kansas City.

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\$ Mexico Savings Bank \$
\$ 44th Year in Business \$
\$ Capital Stock, \$150,000 \$
\$ W. W. FRY, President. \$
\$ J. R. JESSE, Cashier. \$
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'NOTHER GOOD LETTER.

Striking for Higher Things—Training in Agriculture.

Mexico, Mo., February 7, 1916.—
Mr. John Beal, Dear Editor:
I was very much pleased to see the old Hedge Dale picture in the Message again. It was very kind indeed of you to publish it, and I sincerely appreciate your kind interest toward us.

We are all enjoying the good old farm life, and are trying to get the most profitable necessities thru our country and High School days.

Our faces and appearances may be the same, with a very few changes, but we are advancing daily in knowledge, and are beginning to realize the golden opportunities which lie before us.

We realize that success on any of our good Audrain county farms must be the result from a good education with an agricultural foundation.

Growing pure-bred farm crops and raising pure-bred live stock is a scientific factor for prosperity.

Our ambitions are to strike for the higher things, believing that perseverance and patience will win for us our aims and great desires in the end.

Yours truly,
RAYMOND S. SNOOK.

Considine & Bonsall Sale February 22

Considine & Bonsall have announced that they will conduct a big sale of live stock at Hopewell stock farm, near Thompson, on February 22. This promises to be one of the most attractive sales in the county this year; as Considine & Bonsall have in the last ten years conducted the kind of sales that please the farmers and stockmen. They annually breed on Hopewell farm all classes of livestock of the best blood and individuality and buy the best that is offered for sale in this and adjoining counties; their sales have come to attract wide spread attention and interest.

On February 22 they will sell 40 head of good mules: seven yearlings and the rest of them well broke farm and cotton teams. All are in good flesh and ready to go to work.

They will also sell nine good horses; brood mares, saddle and farm using horses. And the cattle that this firm handle are known by their good breeding and feeding qualities; they will sell 9 splendid did cows; all of good ages and breeding and in calf. However, the most interesting stock to be sold on this important date will be 30 head of black faced breeding ewes. These ewes will lamb in March and are just far enough along to make the purchaser money. 32 good two-year-old steers and a registered Shorthorn bull will be sold.

J. T. Johnson, & G. Ford and "Bob" Brown will be the auctioneers and W. W. Pollock, clerk. The ladies of Hopewell church will serve dinner on the ground. Next week's issue of this paper will publish Considine & Bonsall's advertisement, giving a full list of everything to be offered. See their bills and remember the date, February 22.

Miss Helen Graham tells the Message she will give a box supper in the Edwards district, where she teaches, next Saturday night. Every young woman is asked to bring a box. A fine time is anticipated.

Miss Philapena Platzer of Sata Fe is visiting Miss Idylle Wilkerson in this city.

FUN AT SCHOOL.

Mc Millan Beats Sedalia And Kirksville in Basket Ball.

By Fred Lavender.
"Onward, McMillan High! Marching to the State Championship." Defeating Sedalia and Kirksville in a big double header Saturday night is her latest achievement in basket ball. Sedalia High School was supposed to be the fast, and able to hold his own against the greatest obstacle in the way of the fighting McMillan quintette; But Saturday night at Hardin Gym the home boys just lacked two points of doubling the score on the fast Sedalia team, the final being 38-20. The second game of the double header with Kirksville was taken by a 20-16 score.

The "big five" was in good condition, and played a great game against Sedalia. They were fast and had splendid team work and lots of fight. They started the scoring and had seven points before Sedalia made a goal. Each time Sedalia threw a goal, McMillan immediately followed with two or three to offset their opponents' gain. The half ended in favor of the crimson and gray boys—sometimes called bull-dogs because of their energy and fight, 20-10.

The game was a good clean exhibition of basket ball and was one of the most interesting games played here this year. Joy Kistler and Rylan Rhodes were unfortunate in that they were each "knocked out" but Coach Rich, armed with a wet towel and administering first aid to the injured, soon had them on their feet. Captain Morris Keath was unable to play but Sam Locke ably filled his place at left forward and played a star game. Sam is a hard fighter, fast, and able to hold his own because of his strength. He is the best utility player McMillan has had for several years, as he can play guard or forward, and is a star in any place. An injured knee, which kept him out of practice the first few games of the season, is the only thing that prevented him from making the regular team.

Joy Kistler played his usual great game. He had his eye on the basket and made several good shots. Once he shot a goal from the center of the long Hardin gym. He shot free goals without a single miss. Rodes, Atchison and Cunningham each played an excellent game.

The Second Game.

The second team was defeated against Kirksville, and did well, considering the size of their opponents. The score at the end of the first half was a tie—6-6. Kirksville played better in the second half, and it was necessary to send in the first team players to save the game.

Tho the Kirksville boys were not skillful players, they were very large and old, and our second team boys, two of whom are freshmen, deserve much praise. They had the best team work and played real basketball. Their line up was O. Austin and H. Shoush, forwards; M. Towson and J. Kearns, guards, L. Wonneman, center.

Mr. Campbell refereed both games. The Hardin gym was packed with rooters who cheered wildly as Sedalia and Kirksville were being beaten by the speedy McMillan boys. Many of the older people of the town who have never been followers of the game, until this season, were present and their "pep" was equal to that of the younger people. McMillan attracts the attention, not only with her athletics, but with her live school spirit and good work in general. Mexico people are awakened to the fact that McMillan High School is an institution to be proud of.

Sedalia has had a very successful season excepting for two defeats. Warrensburg High school defeated them by 30 to 25. They defeated

FROM WASHINGTON STATE.

Mrs. Corner Tells of Prohibition and of the Weather and Her Chics.

By kind permission of Mr. E. F. Kunkel of this city we are permitted to make the following excerpts from a letter recently written him by his sister, Mrs. Grace Corner, of Colfax, Wash. Mrs. Corner was a former resident of Mexico.

The 2nd of February and there is an 11 inch snow on the ground. It has been snowing for 36 hours. The trains are tied up in the mountain regions. The weather is hard on game and birds, as well as folks who are in need of fuel. The fuel dealers are unable to get cars thru, and the situation bids fair to become serious.

We are now living in a saloonless town. Great experience, too. Trade is picking up. In the cities they find it difficult to get washwomen since the dry law has gone into effect. The former boozers are now not only self-supporting but also support their families.

The prosecuting attorneys from all over the State met at the Capital today and have decided to arrest for beer as well as for the real article, if there are violations. So you see we are strictly prohibition. Only three persons in the county jail at present and none in the city jail.

I am selling my eggs at 45 and 50 cents per dozen. I have seen hens yet. Twenty-one below zero is pretty cold for us out here.

SPECIAL REDUCED PRICES.

Special reduced prices on Groceries and Fresh Meats. Highest prices paid for Hides and Produce.

FRANK A. SANABECK.

Both Phones.

TO BEAUTIFY P. O. GROUNDS.

The Mexico Postoffice Building is one of the finest in the country, and beauty thru the summer months is to be added thereto.

In accordance with instructions from the Treasury Department, proposals are being solicited for the planting of trees, shrubs and clinging vines on the grounds of the Mexico Post Office building. The plans and specifications call for such landscape work as will be necessary in beautifying the grounds to the greatest possible degree. Postmaster Jackson, as the Custodian of the building for the Treasury Department, has requested proposals from local landscape gardeners and it is quite likely that bids on the work will be submitted by firms from other cities who make this kind of work a specialty.

Mrs. Wilson Roger of Madison, Monroe County, is visiting Kelly B. Wilkerson and family of this city.

PROGRAM

Leap year box supper at Maple Grove Friday, Feb 11. Given by the grown-ups. Old Maids' Club. Male Quartet. Who Got the Pig? Coon Creek Courtship. Boys, come bring box or pie, girls, come and come to buy.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Teague of near Laddonia, old time friends of the Message family, paid this office a much appreciated call yesterday. They investigated our linotype.

Fayette 26 to 28 at Fayette and 34 to 11 at Sedalia; Boonville was defeated 67 to 19 and Jefferson City lost twice to them 62 to 19 and 63 to 14. They defeated their alumni 48 to 28. The coach of the Sedalia team and Coach Todd of Columbia, who handles the High School Athletics for the St. Louis Republic, both said that McMillan was putting up the best High School basketball they had witnessed this season. Every indication is that McMillan has a splendid chance for the state championship.

WEST DULY LETTER.

Snow and cold weather. Mr. and Mrs. Brookhart of Canada are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Day.

Miss Miriam Johnson visited Ellen Carter last week.

Mrs. Winn enjoyed a visit from her daughter, Mrs. Craghead, of near Auxvasse, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Carter entertained at dinner Thursday Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Day, Mr. and Mrs. Brookhart and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. Day entertained a few of the neighbors last Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Harry Householder's hand is very much improved. She has been suffering from blood poisoning.

The Duly literary society is progressing nicely. Bad roads and weather have been a drawback. Last Friday evening we had with us people from Skinner, Molino, Carter and Mexico. The program was fine.

Frank Powell has moved to the Widow Holtcamp place, known as the Fletcher farm.

Mrs. John Horton who has been ill is able to be out.

Preaching at Rising Sun next Sunday. All will take lunch and spend the day.

RUSH HILL LETTER.

We are having real winter weather now, and the ground hog saw his shadow, so no spring weather for six months, at least.

Bro. Fish preached two excellent sermons at the M. E. church Sunday. We enjoy hearing this good man preach, and wish he could come oftener than once a month.

Miss Emma Miller who teaches in Vandallia, spent Sunday here with home folks.

Miss Anna Miller, our primary teacher, is having a tussle with the grip.

Mrs. Guy Fox and children of Larabee, Mo., are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Paul Yates and little son, of Pleasant Hill, Ill., returned home Tuesday after visiting friends here and at Auxvasse for several days.

H. C. Carnes and wife were shopping in Mexico Monday.

Mrs. Robt. Walter, Sr. is visiting in Illinois.

Mrs. Walter and her sister, Mrs. Rudolph Miller will soon leave for a visit in California.

Miss Maude Cornett, who is attending Hardin College, spent Sunday here with her parents.

Skating and sleighriding are now very pleasant pastimes.

And, boys, don't forget this is Leap year. Some pretty girl may propose to you at any time.

There is a young man in this town who boards with a family who have no phone. The other day he was called across the street to a phone, and on taking down the receiver a feminine voice asked, "Is this—?" "Yes, ma'am," he replied. "Mr. —, will you marry me?" "Yes, ma'am," he answered. "Who is this please." Now when the roses bloom again, we may have a wedding. So, boy's don't be surprised. This is leap year.

POWELL FORD.

The sleet has been with us for a week. Several have had falls.

The post man on route 7 has failed but one day in making his rounds with the mails, and high water was the cause that time.

Miss Anna McMurtry, who teaches at Clark, spent Sunday and Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will McMurtry of this neighborhood.

Several in this vicinity attended the literary and debate at Duly Friday night of last week.

J. O. Dowell butchered Thursday.

Wiley Atkins' horse fell with him recently and he suffered a badly sprained ankle.

The Democratic Primary Monday

Wallace, McKee and Wood Winners
Against Opposition—No Competition for The Other Places.

The city Democratic primary Monday sure enough brought out the voters. Wallace, for City Marshal; McKee, for City Clerk, and J. J. Wood, for Councilman in the Fourth ward, were the only boys who had competition.

In the Fourth ward J. J. Wood received 101 votes and his opponent, G. W. Pickett, received 87; T. E. Hook, in the First ward, received 212 votes; W. S. Eller, in the Second ward, received 175 votes and X. P. Ball, in the Third ward, received 231.

The following committeemen were selected: First ward, W. W. Johnson; Second ward, Harry Atchison; Third ward, Walker Burns, and Fourth ward, Fred A. Morris.

The vote on the other officers was as follows:

For Mayor: J. F. Harrison. First ward, 211; Second ward, 179; Third ward, 314; Fourth ward, 192. Total, 896.

For Marshal: Sam Wallace. First ward, 126; Second ward, 101; Third ward, 192; Fourth ward, 116. Total, 535. J. W. Pratt, First ward, 13; Second ward, 7; Third ward, 12; Fourth ward, 9. Total, 41. J. H. Lane, First ward, 55. Second ward, 50; Third ward, 75; Fourth ward, 52. Total, 232. George Hill, First ward, 17; Second ward, 20; Third ward, 30; Fourth ward, 13. Total, 80.

For City Attorney: J. W. Buffington. First ward, 212; Second ward, 179; Third ward, 273; Fourth ward, 187. Total, 851.

For City Collector: J. D. McKee, First ward, 131; Second ward, 118; Third ward, 202. Fourth ward, 130. Total, 581. J. E. Jesse, First ward, 37; Second ward, 36; Third ward, 61; Fourth ward, 42. Total, 176. J. H. Wilkins, First ward, 40; Second ward, 23; Third ward, 53; Fourth ward, 19. Total, 135.

For City Assessor: John Marshall, First ward, 214; Second ward, 175; Third ward, 300; Fourth ward, 192. Total, 881.

For Police Judge: J. T. Williams, First ward, 213; Second ward, 177. Third ward, 309; Fourth ward, 190. Total, 889.

For City Treasurer: Ralph Buckner, First ward, 213; Second ward, 179; Third ward, 311; Fourth ward, 195. Total, 898.

BEN ADAMS' SALE.

Ben Adams, six miles southeast of Mexico, held his public sale Tuesday. The sale footed about \$2,000. The following were among the transfers:

Red cow, to Clarence Adams, for \$40. Jersey cow, E. Robinson, \$20. Jersey cow, Rev. O. O. Green, \$52. Roan cow, Rev. Green, \$50. Bull, Sims Bros., \$40. Red cow, Charlie Wilkins, \$87. Red steer calf, M. G. Harrison, \$38. Two red heifer calves, Jake Burkner, \$68. Red heifer, C. \$9.50. Eight red shoats, R. Lochridge, @ \$5.45. Nine red shoats, @ \$3.90. T. E. Snedeker. Sixteen red hogs, @ \$10. F. L. Crosby. Brown mare, \$30. Jake Buckner. Span mare mules, R. Lochridge, \$332. Bay mare, T. B. Edwards, \$126. Span black horse mules, 3 year olds, P. E. Waters, \$157.50. Pair horse mule colts, A. Romans, \$33. Pair black horse mule colts, J. T. Johnson, \$30. Bay mare, C. Adams, \$55. Brown mare, C. Adams, 5 years old, \$162. Span gray mares, P. D. Riggs, \$100. Red sow, \$14. Red sow and 7 pigs, H. Franklin, \$18.60.